

INFORMATION SHEET FOR INFORMED CONSENT FOR ANESTHESIA SERVICES

All forms of anesthesia involve some risks and no guarantees or promises can be made concerning the results of your procedure or treatment. **Although rare, unexpected severe complications with anesthesia can occur and include the remote possibility of infection, bleeding, drug reactions, blood clots, awareness under anesthesia, loss of sensation, loss of limb function, paralysis, stroke, brain damage, heart attack or death.** These risks apply to all forms of anesthesia and additional or specific risks have been identified below as they may apply to a specific type of anesthesia. The type(s) of anesthesia service used for your procedure and the anesthetic technique to be used is determined by many factors including your physical condition, the type of procedure your doctor is to do, his or her preference, as well as your own desire. Sometimes an anesthesia technique which involves the use of local anesthetics, with or without sedation, may not succeed completely and, therefore, another technique may have to be used including general anesthesia.

There is a possibility that blood or blood products may have to be given. There are potential risks from blood transfusions, though rare, and some of these include transfusion reaction, hepatitis, and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome).

<input type="checkbox"/> General Anesthesia	Expected Result	Total unconscious state, possible placement of a tube into the windpipe.
	Technique	Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or by other routes.
	Risks	Mouth or throat pain, hoarseness, injury to mouth or teeth, awareness under anesthesia, injury to blood vessels, aspiration, pneumonia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal or Epidural Analgesia/Anesthesia <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary decreased or loss of feeling and/or movement to lower part of the body.
	Technique	Drug injected through a needle/catheter placed either into the spinal canal or immediately outside the spinal canal.
	Risks	Headache, backache, buzzing in the ears, convulsions, infection, persistent weakness, numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessel, transient temporary "total spinal," awareness under anesthesia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Major/Minor Nerve Block <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of specific limb or area.
	Technique	Drug injected near nerves through the skin providing temporary loss of function and sensation to the area of the operation.
	Risks	Injury to nerve, persistent numbness, residual pain, weakness, convulsions, infection, injury to blood vessels, awareness under anesthesia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Intravenous Regional <input type="checkbox"/> With sedation <input type="checkbox"/> Without sedation	Expected Result	Temporary loss of feeling and/or movement of a limb.
	Technique	Drug injected into veins of arm or leg while using a tourniquet.
	Risks	Infection, convulsions, persistent numbness, residual pain, injury to blood vessels, awareness under anesthesia.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored Anesthesia Care (with sedation)	Expected Result	Reduced anxiety and pain, partial or total amnesia, awareness.
	Technique	Drug injected into the bloodstream, breathed into the lungs, or by other routes producing a semi-conscious state.
	Risks	An unconscious state, depressed breathing, injury to blood vessels.
<input type="checkbox"/> Monitored Anesthesia Care (without sedation)	Expected Result	Measurement of vital signs, availability of anesthesia provider for further intervention.
	Technique	None
	Risks	Increased awareness, anxiety and/or discomfort.